



WILLOW TRAIL #347

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Willow Trail #347 is part of the 50 mile Prescott Circle Trail. From Williamson Valley Trailhead, Trail #347 heads south over the rolling terrain below Granite Mountain's rugged east face. Portions of the trail pass through mature chaparral consisting of mountain mahogany, scrub oak, cliffrose, and manzanita. Other sections are in mixed forest where ponderosa pine stand tall over oaks and juniper. Despite its proximity to the city of Prescott, this are is home to a diversity of wildlife, including mountain lions. Sometimes the tracks of these large cats can be seen along the trail. TR 347 provides access to some of the trails associated with the Granite Basin Recreation Area. This creates opportunities for extended trips through this exposed granite landscape.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bicyclists. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: From its intersection with Iron Springs Road, travel north on Williamson Valley Road for 6.4 miles to the sign for the Williamson Valley Trailhead. Turn left to access the parking area. There is ample parking for horse trailers and regular vehicles.

To reach the southern trailhead, take Williamson Valley Road 1.5 miles from its intersection with Iron Springs Road to Burnt Ranch Road. Turn left and go one block to Hozoni Road. Turn right and travel two blocks to Katahn Road. Turn left and proceed 0.4 miles to the junction of Katahn and Yeibitchi Road. Continue straight ahead for 0.1 miles to the trailhead on the right. There is room for 2-3 vehicles.

TRAVEL TIME: 20 minutes from downtown Prescott

ROAD CONDITIONS: Paved

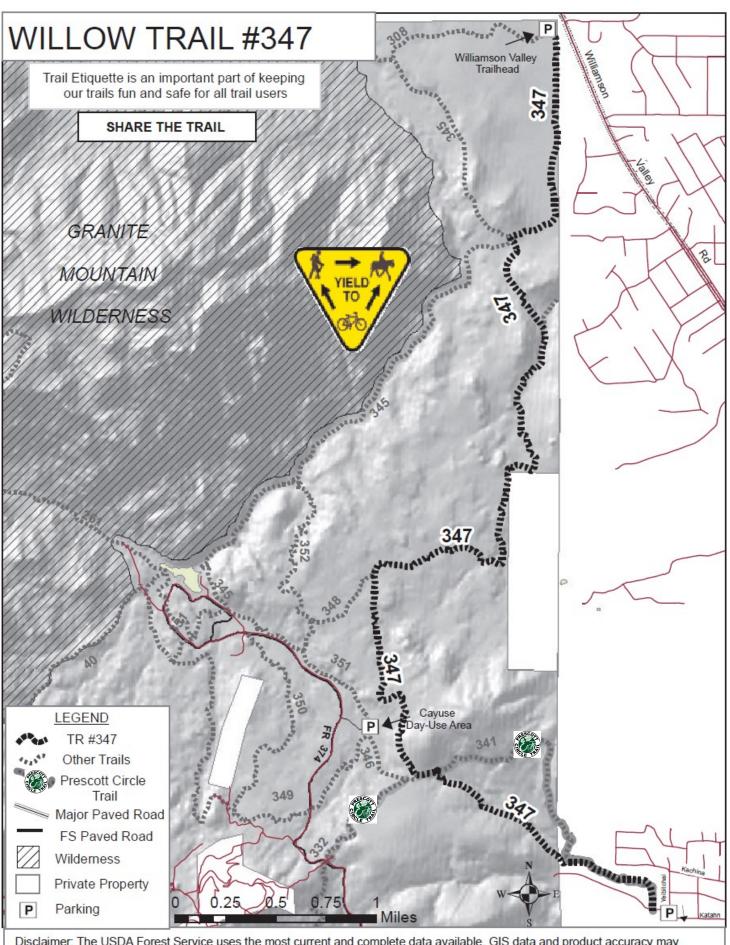
HIKING TIME: 4 hours, one way LENGTH: 6.9 miles DIFFICULTY: Moderate USE: Moderate

NOTES: Dogs must be on leashes; please clean up after pets. Rest rooms are available at Williamson Valley Trailhead. There is no drinking water available at either trailhead or on the trail. Two sections of this trail are part of the Prescott Circle Trail (PCT). Starting from the southern trailhead TR 347 is part of the PCT for the first 0.6 miles and then again for 0.2 miles where TR 347 intersects with TR 346.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall, winter

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Iron Springs, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map, Bradshaw Mountains, City of Prescott Trails and Outdoor Recreation Map. Yavapai Trails Association online version of the Prescott Circle Trail at: http://yavapai-trails.org/Resources/prescott_circle_trail.html





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